

**MARICOPA INTEGRATED HEALTH SYSTEM HEALTH PLANS
PROTOCOL**

SUBJECT: Electric Wheel Chair	Protocol #: PA P164.02 Protocol Pages: 1 Attachments: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial Effective Date: June 1999 Latest Review Date: May 2002
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MIHS HEALTH PLANS APPROVALS: Director, Medical Management: _____ Date: _____ Medical Director: _____ Date: _____	

PURPOSE: The purpose of this protocol is to state the Prior Authorization Criteria that the Medical Management Department will use as it pertains to Electric Wheel Chair.

PROTOCOL:

- A. The prior-authorization specialist may approve **with prior authorization nurse review** and if **all** of the following are present:
 - 1. Severe weakness in upper extremities due to neurologic or muscular condition;
 - 2. Failed trial of manual wheelchair, including lightweight and hemi;
 - 3. Able to safely operate the controls: physically, mentally and visually **and**
 - 4. Patient would be confined to bed/chair without use of chair and uses the wheelchair both inside and outside the home.
- B. This criteria is a guideline for prior authorization and does not represent a standard of practice or care.
- C. This protocol addresses medical coverage issues only and does not review individual benefit coverage issues. In order to issue an authorization number, the procedure must meet medical guidelines and benefit coverage guidelines under the specific plan.
- D. If requirements are not met, Medical Director review is required.

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